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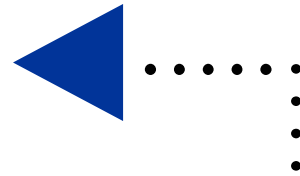
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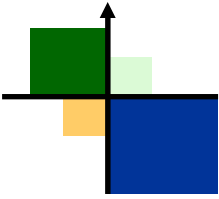
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VCI NEWS

Newest Line of VCPCs Unveiled



VCPC 1.06 & 2.06

Our new lineup of systems the **1.06** and **2.06** are built around **AMD's Socket AM2**. The **1.06** sports an **AMD Sempron 3200+** processor while the **2.06** series shows off the more powerful **AMD Athlon64 3800+** processor. **1.06** base spec includes **512MB** of fast **DDR2 RAM**, while the **2.06** starts with a full **1GB DDR2** before upgrading. Other significant enhancements from the previous line-up include larger base **hard drive sizes**, **PCI Express** support, and base video card spec of a **GeForce 7100 128MB**. As always there are plenty of upgrades available including; *RAM size, hard drive size, additional hard drives, optical drive type, additional optical drives, 3D video cards, LCD monitors, scanners, printers, keyboards, speakers, mice, game pads, office and anti-virus software* and more!

GeForce 8800GTS 640MB XXX Edition

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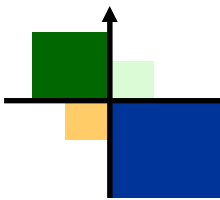


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TECH TIPS

Speed up Windows XP's Search Companion

[Http://www.techrepublic.com/](http://www.techrepublic.com/)

There's lots of buzz about **Windows Vista's** speedy search features, but what can you do to speed up **Windows XP's** Search Companion? Here's how to optimize your search with speed in **Windows XP**.

One reason why **Windows Vista's Search** tool is so fast is because, rather than searching your whole hard disk, it only searches the Documents folders. So the next time that you pull up **Windows XP's Search Companion**, click *All Files And Folders* and select *My Documents* in the *Look In* drop-down list. This prevents the **Search Companion** from searching the entire hard disk.

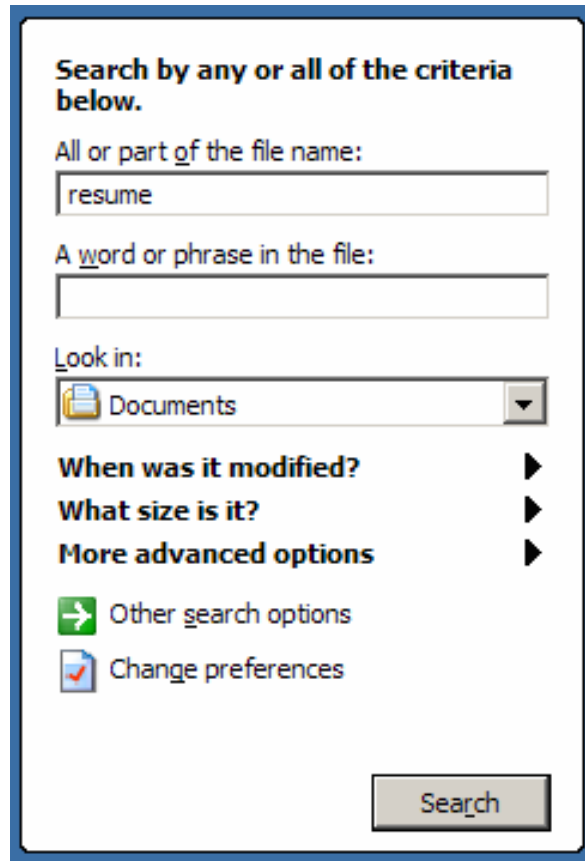
If you want to search documents stored in the root folder, you can still speed up the process by removing system folders from the search. Click *All Files And Folders*, open the *More Advanced Options* panel, and clear the *Search System Folders* check box. If the *Search Hidden Files And Folders* check box is selected, clear it too.

If you have a lot of **ZIP** files (or compressed folders, as **Windows XP** calls them) on your hard disk, the **Search Companion** will search through each of those as well, albeit more slowly. To prevent the **Search Companion** from searching through compressed folders, either move all your compressed folders to the root folder and then configure the **Search Companion** to only search the *My Documents* folder, or disable **Windows XP's** support for compressed folders.

To disable this support, access the *Run* dialog box, type the command `regsvr32 /u zipfldr.dll` in the *Open* text box and click *OK*. You'll then need to restart the system for the change to take effect. (To re-enable **Windows XP's** support for compressed folders, use the command `regsvr32 zipfldr.dll`.)

What if the Search Companion is disabled?

If you've disabled **Windows XP's Search Companion** interface and are using the **Windows 2000 Search** interface instead, you'll need to make the following adjustments to this tip:

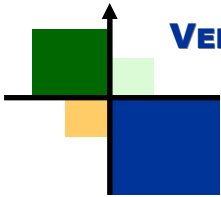


To search *My Documents*, select *My Documents* in the *Look In* drop-down list.

To remove system folders from the search, click *Search Options*, select the *Advanced Options* check box, and then clear the *Search System Folders* check box. (If the *Search Hidden Files And Folders* check box is selected, clear it too.)

To prevent the searching of compressed folders, you can use the same technique as you would for the Search Companion.

Note: This tip applies to both **Windows XP Home** and **Windows XP Professional**. Also remember that editing the registry is risky; so be sure you've performed a full backup before making any changes.



PERIPHERALS

FCC Takes Another Stab at Net Neutrality

<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,1697,2107632,00.asp>

WASHINGTON - The Federal Communications Commission is launching an inquiry to determine how broadband providers are behaving in terms of providing access to the Internet to subscribers.

The Notice of Inquiry, announced at the March 22 commission meeting here, is intended to seek comments on whether providers are restricting access to sites on the Internet, whether they are giving any sites favorable treatment and whether the companies charge extra for that, and how consumers are affected. The inquiry is also designed to determine whether the FCC needs to issue a new principle of nondiscrimination...Copps said he thinks adding another study to those already done will simply take too long and may result in nothing actually being accomplished. "We proceed too leisurely here," Copps said. "Rather than strike out and unflinchingly proclaim this agency's commitment to an open and non-discriminatory Internet, we satisfy ourselves with one tiny, timid step ... Let's be frank. Putting out a Notice of Inquiry is not the way to sail boldly forth."

Many Americans Still Don't Have Home Net Access

<http://slashdot.org/>

...Surprisingly, it's not the cost that is a barrier to entry. Instead, most say they don't see the value of having a net connection at home.

A little under one-third of U.S. households have no Internet access and do not plan to get it, with most of the holdouts seeing little use for it in their lives, according to a new survey. Park Associates, a Dallas-based technology market research firm, said 29 percent of U.S. households, or 31 million homes, do not have Internet access and do not intend to subscribe to an Internet service over the next 12 months.

Cablevision Loses Network DVR Court Case

<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,1697,2107626,00.asp>

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Cablevision Systems Corp. has lost a legal battle against several Hollywood studios and television networks to introduce a network-based digital video recorder service to its subscribers...Cablevision had hoped a network-based DVR system, called Remote Storage DVR or RS-DVR, would have done away with the need for the installation of hundreds of thousands of digital set-top boxes in subscribers' homes...But the studios and TV networks argued in two suits filed at the U.S. District Court in Manhattan that because the proposed service would allow subscribers to store television programs on the cable operator's own computer servers, it would be breaking copyright agreements by effectively retransmitting the programs...Cablevision had argued that DVR technology based on its network is as legal as digital video recorders in the living room, such as those produced by TiVo Inc. and Cisco Systems Inc. "The RS-DVR is not a stand-alone machine that sits on top of a television," Chin said. "Rather, it is a complex system that involves an ongoing relationship between Cablevision and its customers." Cablevision said it would be considering all its options and would continue to install conventional set-top boxes. "We are disappointed by the judge's decision, and continue to believe that remote-storage DVRs are consistent with copyright law and offer compelling benefits for consumers - including lower costs and broader availability of this popular technology, Cablevision said in the statement.

High Performance DDR2 Memory Breaks 1.25GHz

<http://slashdot.org/>

Performance PC Memory manufacturer, Corsair recently released a new addition to their flagship Dominator line of desktop memory, the TWIN2X2048-10000C5DF. This 2GB DDR2 memory kit features the company's DHX Dual Path Heat Xchange cooling technology, support for Enhanced Performance Profiles (EPP), it includes one of Corsair's Dominator active memory coolers, and it's rated for operation at a currently industry leading 1.25GHz.